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TAGS: ETRD, AORG

SUBJECT: GOM REQUEST THAT MEXICO CITY IS DESIGNATED SITE
OF WORLD TOURISM ORGANIZATION.

REF: MEXICO 1247

1. SUGGEST EMBASSY RESPOND TO GOM NOTE ALONG LINES OF
DEPARTMENT RESPONSE TO REBRUARY 21 NOTE RECEIVED FROM
MEXICAN EMBASSY. TEXT OF DEPARTMENT' S RESPONSE FOLLOWS:
BEGIN TEXT.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE PRESENTS HIS COMPLIMENTS TO THE
AMBASSADOR OF MEXICO AND HAS THE HONOR TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE
AMBASSADOR' S NOTE OF FEBRUARY 21, 1973, RECALLING THE OFFER
MADE BY THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO TO HAVE MEXICO CITY
DESIGNATED AS THE SITE OF THE WORLD TOURISM ORGANIZATION.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE WISHES TO THANK THE AMBASSADOR FOR
RECALLING THIS OFFER BY THE GOVERNMENT OF MEXICO AND THE
REASONS IN SUPPORT OF IT. WHILE THE UNITED STATES OF
AMERICA HAS NOT AT THIS TIME RATIFIED THE STATUTES OF THE
WORLD TOURISM ORGANIZATION, THE OFFER OF THE GOVERNMENT OF
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MEXICO WILL BE GIVEN CAREFUL CONSIDERATION, ALONG WITH THE OTHER SITES WHICH HAVE BEEN PROPOSED, WHEN IT IS APPROPRIATE TO DO SO. END TEXT.

2. FYI. US HAS NOT YET RATIFIED WTO STATUTES, AND INDEED

THERE IS MUCH UNCERTAINTY AS TO WHETHER AND WHEN NEW ORGANIZATION MIGHT COME INTO BEING. AS FOR HEADQUARTERS SITE A NUMBER OF PROPOSALS HAVE BEEN MADE. PRESIDENT GAVE ASSURANCE TO TITO THAT US WOULD SUPPORT ZAGREB SHOULD ITS CANDIDACY APPEAR VIABLE. SUBSEQUENTLY HAWAII HAS PROPOSED HONOLULU AS SITE, AND WE WOULD SUPPORT THIS SHOULD ZAGREB BID FAIL TO WIN SUPPORT. WE FEEL IT IS PREMATURE AT THIS STAGE, HOWEVER, TO GO BEYOND EXPRESSION OF WILLINGNESS TO TAKE ALL PROPOSALS INTO CONSIDERATION ONCE QUESTION IS RIPE FOR DECISION. END FYI.

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